Maine Revised Statutes

Title 10: COMMERCE AND TRADE

Chapter 13: SMALL ENTERPRISE GROWTH PROGRAM

§386. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

In order for a qualifying small business to be eligible for financial assistance under the program, the following criteria must be met. [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]

- 1. **Engagement; involvement.** The qualifying small business must be engaged in or involve at least one of the following:
 - A. Marine science; [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]
 - B. Biotechnology; [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]
 - C. Manufacturing; [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]
 - D. Export of goods or services to locations outside the State or activities that result in significant amounts of capital being imported into the State; [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]
 - E. Software development; [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]
 - F. Provision or development of environmental services or technologies; [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]
 - G. Provision or development of financial or insurance products or services; [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]
 - H. Production of value-added goods from natural resources; or [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]
 - I. Other enterprises that the board determines will further the purposes and intent of the program, including, but not limited to, retail sales, tourism and agricultural production. [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]

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[ 1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW) .]
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2. **Growth; public benefit.** The qualifying small business must demonstrate the potential for high growth and public benefit.

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[ 1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW) .]
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- 3. Need for assistance. The qualifying small business must provide evidence of each of the following:
- A. Commitment of all reasonably available resources to the project; [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]
- B. A need for financial assistance from the fund to realize its projected growth and achievement of public benefits; and [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]

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C. [1999, c. 504, §5 (RP).]
[ 1999, c. 504, §5 (AMD) .]
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4. Financing plan. The qualifying small business must submit a financing plan as part of an overall business plan. The proposed financing plan must include adequate mechanisms to monitor the accomplishment of the business plan as proposed.

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[ 1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW) .]
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The disbursement may not be used to make distributions to or for the benefit of an owner of the business borrowing from the fund or a related entity. [1995, c. 699, §3 (NEW).]

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